

## **II. Remarks**

The Examiner has required that Applicants elect one of Groups I and II, as set forth on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action. In response, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 30-42, drawn to a time temperature integrator comprising an electronic circuit assembly. The election is made with traverse, for the following reasons.

According to M.P.E.P. § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. In the present case, the Examiner has failed to show that examination of Groups I and II would be a serious burden. In fact, Applicants assert that a thorough search of Group II, Claims 30-42, drawn to a time temperature integrator comprising an electronics circuit assembly would at least overlap, if not totally encompass the search of Group I, Claims 1-29, drawn to an electronics assembly. For example, Group II should include a search of class 368, subclass 10, which is the classification for time measuring devices with disparate devices, such as ambient condition detectors, and which the Examiner has listed as a required search for Group I. Accordingly, Applicants assert that no serious burden exists for examining the claims of Groups I and II together, and the restriction should be withdrawn.

In addition, Applicants wish to point out that the Examiner has mischaracterized the Group I claims as being drawn to a "label electronic assembly" since independent claim 1 and dependant claims 3 to 15 do not recite a "label". Therefore, in the event

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that the Examiner maintains the restriction requirement, Applicants assert that claims 1 and 3 to 15 should be examined with the claims of Group II.

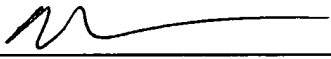
**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully request examination on the merits of the above application, and timely allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional necessary fees to Deposit Account No: 503030.

Respectfully submitted,

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